

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 16. (Currently canceled)

17. (New) An internal combustion engine comprising:

an engine head;

a valve cover covering a top of the engine head to enclose a space cooperatively defined by the engine head and the valve cover;
a main fuel line which is disposed exterior to said space and through which fuel is conveyed to individual fuel injectors mounted on the engine head via respective branch lines from the main fuel line to the fuel injectors;

wherein the main fuel line is secured to the engine head by at least one post that is disposed on the engine head and extends through an aperture in the valve cover to the main fuel line, with the post being sealed to the aperture.

18. (New) An internal combustion engine as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the main fuel line is secured to the engine head by two such posts that are spaced apart along a length of the main fuel line, that are disposed on the engine head and extend through respective apertures in the valve cover to the main fuel line, with both posts being sealed to the respective apertures.

19. (New) An internal combustion engine 18 wherein the main fuel line comprises spaced apart projections having respective through-bores, and respective fasteners pass through the respective through-bores and thread into the respective posts to hold the respective projections on the respective posts.

20. (New) An internal combustion engine as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the post comprises a threaded hole at an end that screws to a threaded projection on the engine head.

21. (New) An internal combustion engine as set forth in Claim 20 wherein the post comprises another threaded hole at an opposite end that provides for the main fuel line to be fastened to the post at that opposite end by a end by a fastener that screws to the another threaded hole.